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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR CLARIFIED OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the requirement to elect between species, issued in the Office Action dated September 9, 2005.

A clarified Office Action is respectfully requested, since the nature of the requirement for election is not understood. In particular, the requirement appears to require an election between Figure 10 in the drawings and page 21 of the specification. However, it is not understood how Figure 10 and page 21 correspond to specifically different embodiments of the invention. See MPEP § 806.04(e):

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*“Species are always the specifically different embodiments”*  
(emphasis in original).

This matter was brought to the attention of the Examiner in a telephone conference dated September 27, 2005. It was agreed that it would be best for the undersigned to file a written request for clarification, and this has now been done. Accordingly, issuance of a clarified Office Action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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